

Press Release



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State Parks Offer Full Camping Services May 19

North Dakota State Parks begin offering full camping services on Friday, May 19. While most parks are open year-round, Victoria Day weekend, a major Canadian holiday, is when full camping services, including electrical hookups, water and modern comfort stations, are available.

All major state parks will have full services available to campers through the end of September. After that date, parks begin draining campground water lines in preparation for colder weather, but may continue to have electrical hookups available during the late fall and winter, depending on weather conditions and demand. The department's web site, www.parkrec.nd.gov, contains updated schedules and information on coming park programs and special events.

State park entrance and camping fees remain the same as last year. Daily entrance fees are \$5 per vehicle. Annual entrance permits, which are valid at all state parks, are \$25 per vehicle. North Dakota residents ages 65 and older may purchase a discounted annual pass for \$20. Former POWs and veterans with service-related disabilities are eligible for either a free annual permit or a \$5 discount, with proof of status or service disability. Annual permits can be purchased at any state park or from the ND Parks and Recreation Department office, 1600 E. Century Avenue, Bismarck.

Camping fees are \$14 per night for a campsite with electricity, and \$8 per night for a site without an electrical hookup. Camping fees for sites with electricity at Little Missouri and Cross Ranch are \$8/night. Primitive camping sites at Little Missouri and Sully Creek are \$5/night. In addition to the camping fee, campers must also purchase a daily entrance permit or 2006 annual permit.

Campsite reservations at major state parks may be made by calling 1-800-807-4723. Nearly half of the state parks' 1,300 campsites may be reserved. The remaining sites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To receive more information about park fees, cabin rentals or campsite reservations, or to get a free copy of **Discover** newspaper, which contains a 2006 calendar of park events, call the ND Parks and Recreation Department at 701-328-5357.

Play in our backyard!